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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/810,871 Confirmation No. 7472  
Applicant : Eldridge et al.  
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To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the most recent final Office Action of May 30, 2006 in the above-identified application, and following the Notice Of Panel Decision From Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated November 28, 2006, and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.